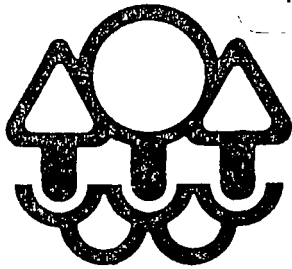




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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

October 7, 1982

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Dear Mr. Nicholson: (

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Silverline

This letter is in response to past actions that have occurred regarding the Silverline site (now Arctic Enterprises, Inc.) in Moorhead, Minnesota. As you are aware, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) met with your consultant, Mr. James Kinsey of Waste Reduction, Inc. on several occasions in July, 1982 to discuss proposed remedial actions that the MPCA had requested earlier because of known or alleged past disposal of hazardous wastes that occurred at the site. MPCA verbal approval was eventually given to Mr. Kinsey's basic June 30, 1982 proposal for excavation of wastes disposed of at the site in 1972 and to further investigate a complaint alleging additional disposal of wastes at the site in 1979 at a different location. On July 22, 1982 excavation of various wastes disposed of in 1972 was observed by MPCA staff. Twenty-four (24) soil borings placed on-site on a grid pattern did not locate any additional disposal, however.

Barreled and unbarreled (but solidified) masses of apparent gel coats are currently being stored in a locked Arctic building at the site while contaminated soils are enclosed within a tarp. Samples of the wastes have been collected by Mr. Kinsey for lab analysis to determine Arctic's final disposition of the materials. Until the lab results and a proposal for final disposal of wastes are made available for MPCA review, no further action can be taken at the site.

In another matter, the MPCA requested (in a July 2, 1982 letter) Arctic's cooperation in investigating Silverline's past disposal of company wastes at the Clay County Sanitary Landfill. Your July 8, 1982 letter to the MPCA indicated that Silverline barrels brought to the landfill on April 23, 1979..."were in all likelihood never collected from the Clay County landfill with the exception of a few barrels which are believed to have been shipped to an appropriate waste disposal facility." From recent conversations I have had with landfill

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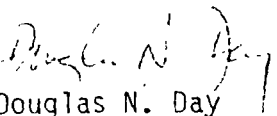
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personnel and MPCA Detroit Lakes regional staff it is now believed that Silverline barrels containing questionable materials were stored and later removed from the landfill. County receipts apparently indicated the driver of the truck bringing the wastes into the landfill on April 23, 1979 had the partial name Donnie M. (see enclosed receipts). I believe identification of the initials and locating and discussing the situation with the driver in question may be valuable in shedding some light on the fate of the Silverline wastes. As I discussed with you on the phone on September 24, 1982, I will be attempting to contact Mr. Ray Stordahl former President of Silverline regarding the identification of the driver, however, ultimate responsibility lies with Arctic to locate the wastes in question and provide any necessary remedial work resulting from the disposal.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at 297-2704.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Cousins, Clay County Solid Waste Officer
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